

I hold a deep concern for Sinclair Broadcasting's unapologetic and discretion-less exploration of the airwaves for their own political agenda. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an unfortunate example of what can happen as a result of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I feel that they are abusing this privilege. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their finances and less of what we need for our democracy. We are no longer receiving a fair and balanced flow of information. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thanks for your time.